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## CSD *News Release*

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### **COOP EXTENSION HOSTS SEMINAR TO DISCUSS; LONG TERM OUTLOOK FOR AGRICULTURE IN MIAMI-DADE**

Issues important to the preservation and promotion of all forms of agriculture in Miami-Dade County will be examined at a seminar which will take place on Thursday, June 20, at 7:00 PM, at the John D. Campbell Agricultural Center, 18710 SW 288th Street in Homestead.

The seminar, which is being hosted by Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension Service, a division of the Consumer Services Department, is the wrap-up event of a two-year study on **“The Long-term Outlook for Agriculture in Miami-Dade County,”** undertaken by the University of Florida.

“This is one of the most comprehensive assessments of agriculture in Miami-Dade County,” says County Extension Director, Don Pybas. He says the seminar will give members of the public a unique opportunity to listen to and interact with over a dozen experts from the University of Florida’s Tropical Research and Education Center and its Food and Resource Economics Department, as well as the Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension Service.

The experts will present and discuss the results of the study, evaluating the challenges and opportunities facing agriculture in south Miami-Dade County. Among the specific areas they will address are Economic Trends, Subsector Trends, International Trade, Land Economics, Geographic Information Systems and Water Issues.

The presentations will be followed by an open panel discussion guided by audience questions and comments.

For further information please contact the Miami-Dade County Cooperative Extension Service office at (305) 248-3311.

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